GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural production is declining in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the production of foodgrains during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to promote agriculture sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The agricultural production in the country shows a long-term upward trend, albeit with fluctuations.

Agricultural production in the country is greatly influenced by the timing, extent and spread of rainfall as about 62% of the net area sown is dependent on rains for water.

(c): The State-wise estimates of production of foodgrains during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 are given in the Annexure.

(d): In order to improve the performance of the agriculture sector, the Government have launched various new initiatives such as promotion of watershed development programmes, emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, credit linked subsidy scheme for augmenting storage/cold storage capacity, Technology Mission for Integrated Development ofHorticulture in North-Eastern States, Market Information Network and National Agriculture Insurance Scheme etc. Besides, the Government also encourage farmers to increase production through price policy which include implementation of Minimum Support Priceand Market Intervention Schemes, procurement by public agencies and by using instruments of trade. Apart from these, the Government have also switched over from the conventional schematic approach to macro-management from November, 2000 for providing assistance to the States. The Macro-Management Scheme integrates 27schemes into one for supplementing and complementing the efforts of State Governments through work plans. This gives flexibility to States to address specific problems faced by them depending on local requirements, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim at all-round development of agriculture.

Annexure

State-wise final estimates of Production of Foodgrains during 1998-99 to 2000-01

(Thousand tonnes)

STATE	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01
ANDHRA PRADESH	14905.0	13696.2	14534.7
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	187.9	210.2	202.7
ASSAM	3434.0	4042.0	4166.5
BIHAR	13625.9	14387.6	12055.1
JHARKHAND	+	+	2011.0
GOA	164.4	219.8	153.9
GUJARAT	5566.7	4051.8	3679.9
HARYANA	12123.2	13063.2	13251.5
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1490.7	1444.3	1455.5
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1519.6	1328.5	1121.4
KARNATAKA	9996.6	9859.3	10949.0
KERALA	754.5	793.3	772.6
MADHYA PRADESH	19501.2	21272.1	8930.4
CHHATTISGARH	@	@	3652.1
MAHARASHTRA	12752.8	12700.9	10076.4

MANIPUR	392.3	375.7	377.6
MEGHALAYA	187.8	208.7	203.0
MIZORAM	135.0	105.6	124.0
NAGALAND	282.0	210.5	277.0
ORISSA	5793.1	5622.5	5984.8
PUNJAB	22906.9	25201.4	25323.6
RAJASTHAN	12944.5	10684.1	10035.8
SIKKIM	90.7	103.1	103.2
TAMIL NADU	9418.7	8968.8	8903.4
TRIPURA	499.4	513.5	523.1
UTTAR PRADESH	40417.2	45649.6	42320.1
UTTARANCHAL	#	#	1726.4
WEST BENGAL	14367.2	14915.6	13834.5
A & N ISLANDS	26.7	28.7	30.9
D & N HAVELI	23.0	30.4	25.9
DAMAN & DIU	4.3	42.9	40.0
DELHI	40.3	6.9	4.3
PONDICHERRY	55.3	64.3	65.6
ALL INDIA	203606.9	209801.5	195915.9

+ Included in Bihar.
@ Included in Madhya Pradesh.
# Included in Uttar Pradesh.